

# Operating Instructions: "Real Time" CD Recorders

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All "Real Time" CD Recorder Models

## GETTING STARTED!

We have found from experience that even though we provide instructions for Coomber equipment, they are rarely at hand when needed. This is especially true in schools where equipment is used by different people and in different rooms.

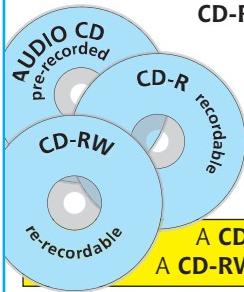
A Reference Manual for this model is available for download from our website at [www.coomber.co.uk](http://www.coomber.co.uk) (see **Product Support** and **Operating Instructions**). Software upgrades, if developed, will be available free from our site under Product Support.

With this consideration in mind, our "Real Time" CD Recorders have been designed for simplicity.

This quick start guide will help you get going, though we feel that the best way to learn how to use the equipment is to just fiddle with it!

### 1 WHAT CDs CAN I PLAY

The 6100 series plays **audio CDs** **CD-Rs** and **CD-RW** discs.

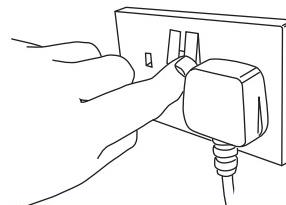


It will also play **MP3** files stored on a **CD** or **USB flash drive**.

A **CD-R** is a recordable CD.  
A **CD-RW** is a recordable and erasable CD.

### 2 SWITCHING ON

Plug the **CD Recorder** into a wall socket and switch the socket on.

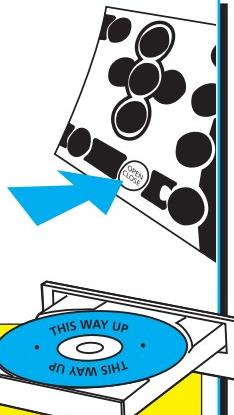


The CD Recorder will start up automatically.

On startup, the CD recorder will detect whether a CD has been left in the drive or not.

### 3 INSERTING A CD

Press **OPEN CLOSE** on the keypad to open the CD tray.



Press **OPEN CLOSE** again or push the tray lightly to make it close.

You can also use the CD drive button to open or close the tray. Neither button works in play or record mode!

### 4 PLAYING CDs

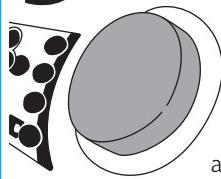
Press **PLAY PAUSE** to **play** the CD.

Press **PLAY PAUSE** again to **pause** the CD.

Press **STOP** to **stop** the CD.

Press **OPEN CLOSE** to **eject** the CD.

### 5 THE ROTARY CONTROL



The **rotary control** adjusts the volume. Volume settings show up in the display.

Press **SPEED** or **TONE BALANCE** buttons and adjust them with the rotary control.

TIP: press the key a second time or leave the rotary control for a few seconds to re-enable volume adjustment.

### 6 GETTING AROUND

Press **◀** or **▶** keys to go **back-wards** or **forwards** through the tracks.

Press **CUE** key and twist rotary control to **scan** back or forth across a track -allowing you to **cue** up any section.

Press **CUE** to cancel the cue mode.

TIP: Use CUE in PAUSE mode for greater playback control.

You can switch the unit into standby mode (where it powers down and consumes minimal electricity) by pressing the green **ON STANDBY** switch. **Remember though, that it is still connected to the mains power supply and the red LED gives an indication of this.**

For safety always unplug the unit from the wall overnight or if not in use for long periods!



# RECORDING

You can record to **CD-R/RW** or **USB flash drive** from microphone, cassette or external sources\*



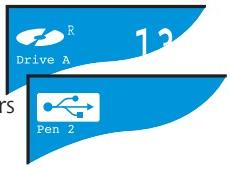
You can record on a CD-R once only.  
You can record **and erase** a CD-RW many times.

\* 90 minute recordable CDs are not compatible with our 'Real Time' CD Recorders.

## 1

### GET READY TO RECORD

Insert a blank **CD** or connect a **USB flash drive**.



Press the **DRIVE** until the desired media appears on the screen (shown right).

Connect a microphone into either mic socket - or record from a Hi-fi, mixer or PA etc, using the line in or digital sockets.

Phantom power may be enabled via the menu:- **Record options>Microphone settings>Turn phantom power on.**  
**To record from a digital source**, you must first select **Record options > Record from digital input** from the menu.

## 2 START RECORDING

Press the **RECORD** key.

You are now recording direct to the chosen media!

Press **PLAY PAUSE** to **pause** recording.

Press **STOP** to **stop** recording.

## 3 STOP RECORDING

Once you press the **STOP** key, you have made a CD track.

Press **PLAY PAUSE** to **play** the track.

Press **RECORD** to **record** a new track.

## 4 WHAT NEXT?

Once you have finished recording you can remove the **CD** from the tray or the **USB flash drive** from the socket.



### IMPORTANT WARNING:

NEVER REMOVE A USB FLASH DRIVE WHILE RECORDING OR ERASING. IT WILL CAUSE LOSS OF INFORMATION AND MAY DAMAGE THE DRIVE!  
ALSO: ENSURE THAT THE FLASH DRIVE IS NOT "WRITE PROTECTED" WHEN RECORDING!

## 5 FIX OR EJECT?

When you eject a recordable CD using the **OPEN CLOSE** key you'll be asked if you want to **fix** or **eject** it.



Use the appropriate menu key (arrowed) to select your choice or press the **OPEN CLOSE** key again.

Note: You will not be offered this choice if you eject a CD using the drive door button!

## 6 IF YOU DON'T FIX A CD...

...you can record more tracks at a later date...

but you can't play it on other CD players - you'll only be able to play it on a Coomber 'Real Time' CD Recorder until you fix it.

## 7 IF YOU DO FIX A CD...

...you can't add further tracks to it, but you can play it on most\* CD players!

\*Note: CDs are read with a laser. Some players don't have lasers powerful enough to read CD-R or CD-RW discs.

CD-RW discs can be erased. If you do fix a CD-RW you can erase it at a later date. We have included an erase feature in the menu should you wish to use it. **Erasing a CD-RW will mean that all information on the disc will be lost.**

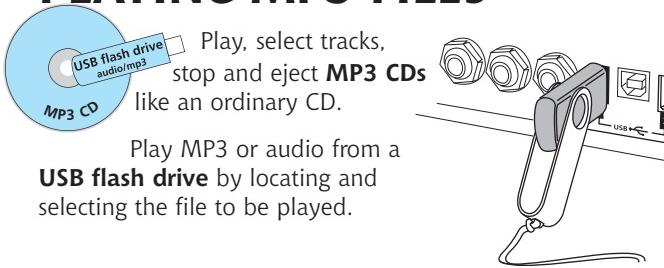
**Important Note** Always use good quality media for recording purposes (such as TDK, Sony or Verbatim). Cheap media have a high failure rate and may lead to users losing (or failing to successfully complete) valuable recordings.

This equipment was developed and tested using high quality media. We do not accept any liability for recording failure caused by the use of poor quality, scratched or dirty CDs or low quality USB flash drives.



# OTHER FEATURES

## PLAYING MP3 FILES



Audio/MP3 files and folders play in order of placement on a flash drive. A selected track (file) will play, followed by the next in the list. When all files have been played the next folder is opened and played.

Insert the flash drive into the slot.

Press **DRIVE** until the display shows "Pen 1" and the USB logo.



Select **files** to show the contents of the drive.

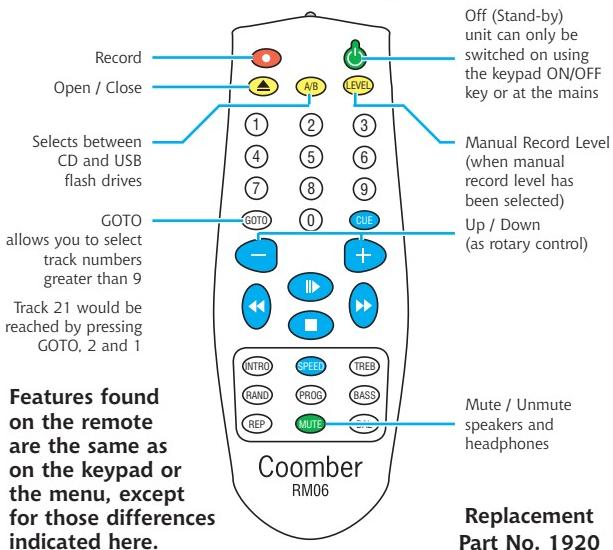


Use the soft keys below the screen to navigate through the folders and individual tracks.

Press **folder** to display the contents of the highlighted item.

Press **PLAY PAUSE** to listen to your selection.

## REMOTE CONTROL UNIT

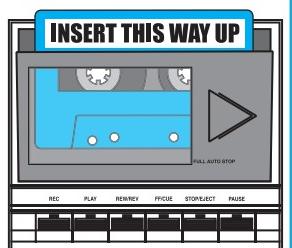


## THE CASSETTE DECK

6121 & 6131 only

Use the cassette deck to:-

- Record from CD, external source or mic
- Record cassette to CD
- Record CD to cassette
- Play cassettes



To prevent damage to the cassette heads and door, please ensure that the cassette is loaded as shown.

The software recognises when a cassette is playing or recording. Information will appear on the screen indicating activities being undertaken by the tape deck.

## THE USER MENU

**MENU**

### Record options

- Record level mode
  - ✓ Automatic record level
  - Manual record level
- Microphone settings
  - Two microphones setup
  - Microphone sensitivity
    - ✓ High sensitivity
    - Low sensitivity
  - Turn phantom power on
    - Select to turn phantom power on or off
- Dual disc record mode
  - ✓ Record to one disc only
  - Record to both discs
  - Continuous record
- Record from digital input
  - Option not visible during recording.
- Fade out recording
  - Option visible during recording.

### Playback options

options appear when a CD with audio tracks has been inserted.

- Repeat options
  - ✓ no repeat
  - repeat track
  - repeat disc
- Programme
- Random
- Intro

### Erase+ & copy functions

erase functions are only visible when a CD-RW with audio tracks has been inserted.

- Erase disc
- Erase last track
  - Option only available with LiteOn drives
- Copy disc
- Copy or splice tracks
  - Copy tracks
  - Splice tracks

### Other settings

Options in red are only available on 6130/6131 models only.

- + Option appears when a CD-RW is inserted.
- ✓ Tick indicates default selection at startup. All options can be cancelled via the menu and default settings are resumed on startup.
- Speaker options
  - Mute speakers
    - Select to mute/unmute speakers.
  - Turn PA mode on
    - Select for public address via mic.
- Keypad & remote options
  - Disable keypad can only be deselected by restarting the unit.
  - Disable keypad
  - Disable remote
- Display options
  - Contrast
    - Select to adjust display contrast using rotary control knob.
  - Invert
    - Select to invert the LCD image from positive to negative.
  - Backlight Off
    - Select to switch off the backlight.
- Service Info
  - Show build information
  - Show drive information
  - CD Recorder - useful info for advice or support.

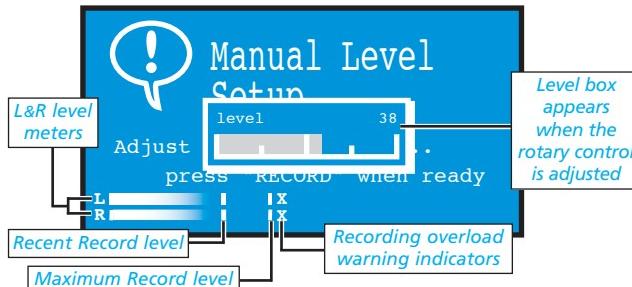
# RECORD OPTIONS

## Record level mode

**Automatic record level:** Sound is monitored and record level adjusted automatically for a reasonable result. (Default setting.)

**Manual record level:** User sets record level for optimum result.

1. Select "Manual record level" from the menu.
2. Connect external mic(s) if required. Press RECORD.



3. The record levels can be adjusted using the rotary control.

*Note: speakers are switched off while a mic recording is in progress, but on when line inputs are being used. The volume level adjusts with the record level.*

4. Once set, press RECORD again and recording begins.

*Note: Levels can be adjusted during recording by selecting the LEVEL menu soft key and using the rotary controller.*

## Microphone Settings

### Two microphone setup

**2 mics are dual mono:** Recording will be in mono regardless of whether one or two mics are being used.

**2 mics are a stereo pair:** One mic records to the left channel, the other records to the right channel. (Default setting.)

### Microphone Sensitivity

**High sensitivity:** Ideal for most conditions including quiet recordings. (Default setting.)

**Low sensitivity:** Select if recordings are overloaded or distorted.

### Turn phantom power on

Some microphones require an external 48V power source known as "phantom power". This can be supplied via the XLR microphone sockets. The default setting is OFF.

Once selected, phantom power remains on until deselected or the unit is switched off.

### Record from digital input

Allows recording via the coaxial or optical digital connectors.  
*Option not visible in record mode.*

### Fade out recording

Recording ends with 5 second fade out when STOP is pressed.  
*Option only visible during recording.*

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All Coomer equipment is covered by a 12 months warranty against defective components or faulty manufacture from date of dispatch.

**Any modifications to or misuse of the equipment renders this warranty void.**

Equipment that is security marked or damaged cannot under any circumstances be exchanged.

Coomer reserve the right to change products and specifications without notice.

# PLAYBACK OPTIONS

## Repeat options

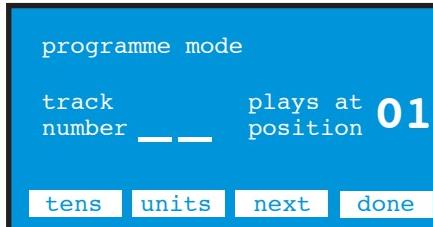
**No repeat:** play a CD once only (default).

**Repeat track:** select and continually play one track.

**Repeat disc:** play entire CD continuously.

## Programme

Choose the order of tracks playing from CD.



On selection the programme screen appears. Use the "tens" or "units" keys to select the number of your first track.

Press NEXT to add the next track and so on. When ready, press DONE. Press PLAY to hear the selected programme.

## Random mode

Plays all tracks on CD in a random fashion.

## Intro mode

Plays five seconds of each CD track.

**Note: All options can be cancelled via the menu.  
Default settings are resumed on startup.**

## SAFETY AND GENERAL INFORMATION



**Class I construction:  
This equipment must be EARTHERED.**

**Mains Voltage** UK & EEC: nominal 230V 50Hz  
USA:110-120V 60Hz

**UK & EEC Mains Cord:** Line=Brown, Neutral=Blue, Earth=Yellow & Green. Fitted with either 13A UK or Semko moulded plug.

**USA Mains Cord:** Line=Black, Neutral=White, Earth=Green. Fitted with moulded USA plug.

**Isolate from mains supply when not in use by removing the plug from the wall socket.**

**Mains Plug:** The mains cable fitted to this equipment is already provided with a moulded plug. If another plug type is required, follow instructions from the plug manufacturer, or seek advice from a qualified person. DISPOSE OF ORIGINAL PLUG SAFELY. REMOVING ANY FUSES, where fitted. DO NOT RE-USE.

**Mains Plug fuse rating:** 3Amp to BS1362 (applicable in UK)

**Connecting to the mains supply:** The unit must be connected to a socket outlet with a protective earthing connection. The mains plug must be accessible at all times.

**Model type and rating information is located on a label on the base of the product.**

**Additional Technical Information:** If you require any further help or information, or if any point is not clear, then please telephone 01905 25168 quoting your model number and serial number (located on a label on the base of the product). Our Technical Department will be pleased to help you.

**Note:** This equipment contains no user serviceable parts and should only be disassembled and reassembled by competent qualified personnel. Dismantling will render the warranty void.

### Electrical Safety Testing:

- Safety testing and servicing should only be carried out by competent qualified personnel.
- When undertaking an earth bond safety test, only use the externally exposed metalwork. Do not test against internal metal components found inside tape mechanisms or CD trays - THIS WILL LEAD TO IRREPARABLE INTERNAL DAMAGE.
- The supply cable is part of a special assembly. If damaged the equipment should be returned to Coomer Electronic Equipment Limited or their agent for cable replacement.